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From the Alumni Association Board President

Are you in or out?



here's a current buzz phrase in the world today: "Thinking outside the box." While marketed as the newest "chic" thing to do, this concept has been around for as long as civilization. How else could we explain the accomplishments of Thomas Edison, Alexander Graham Bell, and the myriad of inventors who imagined and acted on their dreams? Their actions say, "Imagine the potential that might exist if we focused our attention and energies into the new and exciting possibilities that surround us."

Somehow, I've always thought of those thinkers as being older and wiser to the ways of the world, unafraid of the new and unknown because they had seen and done it all before.

Perhaps it's my turn to get outside the box, especially considering some of the articles in this issue of *Contact*. Why would **Bob Monfort '72**, an SJC Accounting professor and fellow alumnus, leave the friendly confines of Rensselaer and uproot his family for a three-year stay in Greece? Why would students give up their final weeks of summer vacation to travel to Africa and build houses for people they don't even know?

Maybe they wanted to not only *think* outside the box but *get* outside the box. Maybe they wanted to experience what the world has to offer those who dream and dare.

Our alma mater prides itself on being a liberal arts institution that develops critical thinking skills and stirs the imagination of its students, and skills and imagination aren't just learned in her classrooms. They are formed in residence halls, the campus coffeehouse, on athletic fields, and in some cases, miles away from campus.

If life itself is a learning experience, then Saint Joseph's alumni, faculty, and students are certainly living life to the fullest. Let's make sure we're doing the same.

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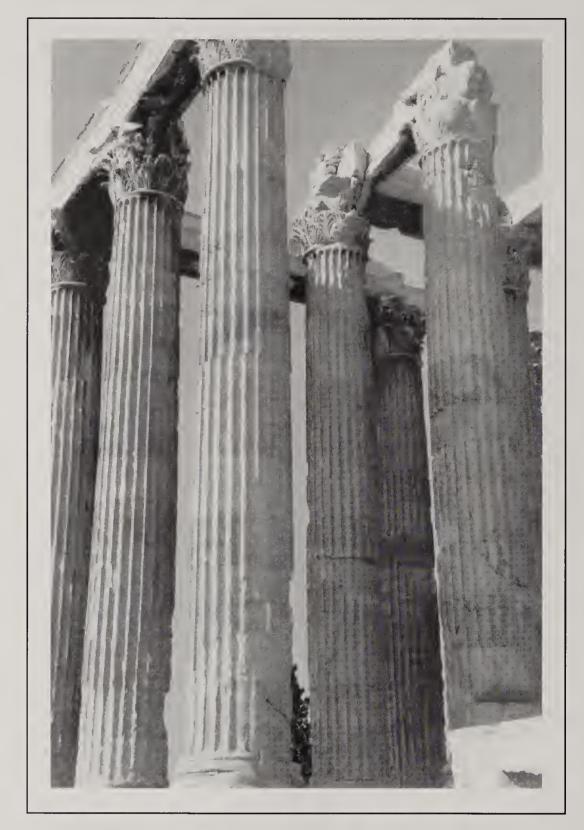
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Alumnus Returns From Three- Year Sabbatical in Greece

Bob Monfort '72, Associate Professor of Finance and Accounting at SJC, didn't need to participate in the Olympic-themed Homecoming/Parents' Weekend to experience the flavor of Greece. This August, he returned from a three-year sabbatical in Athens, where he performed consulting work for the Department of State in the U.S. Embassy.

A former judge for the Jasper County Superior Court, Monfort said the opportunity couldn't have come at a better time. "I was up for sabbatical and looking for something a little different, but I still wanted to come back and teach at SJC," he said. "Then the job presented itself,



and I thought, 'If I don't do this now, I probably never will."

So in 2001, he and his wife Louisa, daughters Jean and Rachel, and son Patrick made the move to Athens. While the work was enjoyable – weighing ethical ramifications of keeping gifts presented to the Ambassador, and evaluating job descriptions within the Embassy – adjusting to life in a new country took some getting used to. "There are 11 million people in Greece, and seven million of them are in Athens," he explained. "The city is very congested and heavily polluted, and traffic was always terrible. We were provided with housing five miles from the Embassy, and it still took me an hour and a half to get to work every day." He also signed up for a number of language classes to improve his Greek.

However, there were no words in any language to describe what happened on September 11, 2001, at which time he and his family had been in Greece but one week.

"We had no furniture, no radio, just a 12-inch TV and a phone. One of Jean's friends called and said, 'You have to turn on the TV. A plane just crashed into the World Trade Center.' By the time we tuned in, both of the Towers were

on fire." He continued, "The TV was split into four quads, and three of the quads showed people talking about what the American response would be. They started showing scenes from *Top Gun* with men shooting and F-14s flying in the air. They really thought that's how America would react."

The effects of September 11th outpoured to other countries, including Greece. "The Embassy

"I went to Egypt several times, and all you have to do is stand in front of the Sphinx to realize that you don't have that long to be here," he said. "With the time you do have, you have to make the most of it."

once received mail that was suspected to be tainted with Anthrax. Testing proved it to be a different kind of bacteria, but the scare was enough to change the location of the mail room," Monfort said. "People were worried about their safety."

At the end of that first year, Monfort and his family committed to one more, while Jean, who had completed her last year of high school in Greece, returned to Rensselaer to begin her freshman year at SJC. Soon, three years had passed, and when approached about assisting with the Olympics this summer, Monfort declined. "Our next opportunity for a clean break would have been Christmas, and I didn't want my kids to be the new kids again," he said. "It was time to go home."

Transitioning back to life in the United States has been almost as difficult as the initial move. "It's more hectic here. I missed that when I first left, but now it's hard to get back into the swing of things. I went to Egypt several times, and all you have to do is stand in front of the Sphinx to realize that you don't have that long to be here," he said. "With the time you do have, you have to make the most of it."

In the meantime, he's taking pleasure in the little things he's missed, like unsweetened tea, the recent celebration of Halloween, and barbeque. "An Applebee's opened up near my house in Athens before we left," he said, "but it wasn't the same."



About the Recipients

Anthony is currently serving his second term as Provincial Director of the Cincinnati Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. a Society of Apostolic Life that ministers in 17 countries and sponsors SJC. He is Chair of the corporate boards for Saint Joseph's College and Calumet College of St. Joseph in Whiting, Indiana, and serves on the Board of Trustees for both institutions. Recognized by the National Organization for the Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy in 2000, he's served twice as a delegate to the XVII & XVIII Precious Blood General Assemblies in Rome.

Caccamo has immersed himself in business management and information technology services, holding the positions of Vice President and Chief Information Officer for such high-profile businesses as Procter & Gamble, The Reynolds and Reynolds Company, and The Quaker Oats Company. Presently, he is a Senior Consultant with the Cincinnati Consulting Consortium. As an SJC Trustee, he was involved with the College's presidential search in 2001 and is currently Vice Chair of the Board.

Laudick began his career as an Accountant for Ernst & Ernst LLP and is now the Senior Vice President, General Controller, and Assistant Secretary for Wendy's, which boasts 1,450 company stores, 5,100 franchises, and three "Best Corporate Citizens" distinctions, most recently in 2004. He is also a Fellow of the College; originally inducted in 1982, Laudick went on to become a Fr. Gross Fellow in 1997 and a President's Fellow this past June.



Very Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S. '84



Frank Caccamo '61



Larry Laudick '69

Three Alumni Honored During Homecoming/Parents' Weekend

day of fellowship was followed by an evening of thanks as three graduates were honored by SJC's Alumni Association with special awards for their commitment to the College and their communities. Very Rev. Angelo Anthony, C.PP.S. '84 was recognized with the Alumni Achievement Award, while Frank Caccamo '61 and Larry Laudick '69 were presented with Alumni Service Awards. All three serve on the Board of Trustees for Saint Joseph's College.

Because Anthony was away in Rome and unable to personally accept the award, Chaplain **Rev. Jeffrey Kirch, C.PP.S.** '98 did so on his behalf, reading from notes prepared by Anthony for the occasion. "'I believe that SJC does a great job of shaping the whole person. I will always do what I can to support the College," read Kirch.

Upon accepting his award, Caccamo credited his family for instilling in him a value system that has stayed with him throughout life. "If I've been able to accomplish anything, it's because of my mother and father. They taught me about honesty, hard work and loyalty," he said. "When I came to SJC, I found those same values. Now, it's pay-back time for me, and I'll continue to support SJC with my talents and resources for as long as I can."

Laudick commented that the atmosphere provided by the College helped to develop the person he is today. "I came here as a scared freshman; SJC allowed me to grow and learn," he said. "Where else can you go and make lifelong friends and receive a great education? It's an opportunity very few people get."

Rock the Boat 2004

efore heading to the polls on November 2nd, 22 participants in SJC's September whitewater rafting adventure "rocked the boat" in Hico, West Virginia, with Mountain River Tours. Take an inside look at one group's journey through the torrents.

Going... Members of rafting guide Rob's (back, far left) boat paddle themselves into a dilemma as they travel towards Pillow Rock, one of several Class-V rapids on the Upper Gauley. See the look of panic on Rob's face. What will happen next? Rafting enthusiasts include (back row, left to right) Judi Illingworth, Charlie Illingworth, Paul Dyke, and Kendra Illingworth; (front) Tom Kramer, his daughter Susan Kramer '05, Kathy Dyke, and Michael Cooke '89.

Going... The group swallows all fear and decides to embrace what is sure to be an unforgettable flip.

Just about gone. Rob makes a commendable attempt to save the boat and his crew, but to no avail. Off they go!







Upcoming Events

December 12

Band Christmas Concert

January 26

Business Networking Reception Union League Club; Chicago, Illinois

January 29 and February 5

Presidential Scholarship Competition

February 6-17

Phonathon

February 20

Discover Day

February 20-21

Admissions Overnight Program

March 12

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Chicago

April 9

Accepted Students Day

April 15

President's Senior Dinner

April 16

Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

April 23

Little 500 Race

April 29

Scholarship Dinner and Auction; Chicago, Illinois

May 14

SJC Preview Day

June 16-28

Trip to China

August 1

Second Annual Fast Eddy Invitational (golf outing tribute to Ed Massura '60);

Chicago, Illinois

September 23-25 Homecoming/ Parents' Weekend



Kara (Costa) Meyer '93, a member of SJC's Alumni Association Board of Directors, speaks with Jacob Lofgren '05 at a networking luncheon on October 30th.

SJC Hosts Alumni Networking Luncheon for Puma Job Seekers

hile the Halloween season invokes frightening images of ghosts and goblins, college students have a larger concern this time of year: securing an internship or job after graduation. To that end, Saint Joseph's College held a special alumni networking luncheon on October 30th at The Stargazer Inn in Rensselaer. Collaborating together for the event were the College's Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Career Development Center, and SJC's Center for Indiana Partnerships.

"Career development research consistently indicates that entry-level jobs are most easily and frequently attained by networking. This event is one of a series that will help current students refine their networking skills and articulate their vocational goals," explained Adam Malson, Director for the Career Development Center. "Meeting with alumni in their fields of interest also helps students identify the types of jobs available to today's college graduates." Alumni in attendance represented markets from Chicago and throughout Indiana. They also provided expertise in a wide range of fields, including marketing, higher education, law, organizational management, entrepreneurship, and nonprofit work.

During the luncheon, alumni speakers reflected on the launching of their own careers and offered advice to students on how to search for jobs and prepare for interviews. Later, students and alumni met individually in an activity known as "speed mentoring," where students took but a few minutes to deliver a synopsis about themselves intended to generate a job interview and receive feedback from alumni on their pitch.

According to Alumni Association Board member Mark Randall '91, events like the luncheon show that SJC alumni are committed to helping students bring their college experience full circle. "By our very Christian baptism we are called to action: to preach, to instruct, to live the Gospel values in the 'real world,'" he said. "By helping students tweak resumes, get interviews, and ultimately land meaningful jobs that utilize a graduate's God-given potential, we are not only helping the student but the greater Saint Joseph's College."

Join the Columbian Players Theatre Display for Veteran Actors!



To honor the tradition of theatre at Saint Joseph's College, the Columbian Players are inviting alumni who have participated in any production at SJC to send in a business card and/or a photo with your year of graduation written on it. All submissions will be included in an Alumni Theatre Display outside the Auditorium in the Arts and Science Building. Alumni are also welcome to send in theatre memorabilia for inclusion in a theatre scrapbook, also part of the display.

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Before moving into the fall semester, SJC was presented with exciting news.

The Princeton Review, a company dedicated to assisting students with standardized test preparation and the college selection process, included SJC in its second annual "Best Midwestern College" listing on www.PrincetonReview.com.

"College is an expensive decision in terms of money, time, and other resources, and not everybody wants the same type of experience.

Students and their families need a broad spectrum of opportunities to choose from," explained Erik Olson, Director of Guidebook Publications for The Princeton Review. "We're not just looking for schools that enroll students with the highest SAT scores, but for institutions that provide a unique learning environment."

Colleges and universities are initially chosen based on data obtained by The Princeton Review. Students from each school are then surveyed to validate their findings. Questions cover such topics as academic curriculum, admissions selectivity, and campus life.

"The professors actually care about their students both inside and outside the classroom," wrote one student. "Almost all of them give out their home phone numbers, and some invite their students to their houses for a home-cooked dinner."

Another said, "Because it is such a small campus, almost everyone knows everyone else. People say 'Hi' to one another all the time."

Olson commented that student feedback is crucial to receiving a truthful assessment of a campus experience. "No school is perfect, so these surveys are key to getting a balanced view of what the majority of a student body would say about an institution's college experience," he said, adding, "There are over 2,400 four-year colleges in the country, and only 30 percent receive our Best Regional distinction. Every school on the list should be proud."

Lilly Endowment Presents \$1 Million Grant to SJC

The Princeton Review's ranking wasn't the only good news SJC received before the start of the school year; in August, Lilly Endowment, Inc. presented a \$1 million grant to the College. Titled *Recruiting and Retaining Intellectual Capital*, the funds will increase the number and amount of academic scholarships allotted to incoming students, enhance faculty development programs, upgrade science labs, and provide for a wider variety of noteworthy speakers on campus.

"SJC has been and continues to be involved in campus-wide strategic planning, which means the institution has a clear picture of its strengths and weaknesses," explained John Nichols, National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Professor. "The proposal that the College submitted to Lilly Endowment was based on the places where two sets of factors intersected: what the Endowment was willing to fund – increase of intellectual capital – and where in that area SJC had weaknesses to remedy and strengths to confirm – the strategic plan."

Over the next five years, the grant will supply \$300,000 in additional scholarship aid, \$150,000 in faculty development, \$100,000 in guest speaker presentations, and \$450,000 in laboratory renovation. Faculty development will cover doctoral and post-doctoral coursework, off-campus workshops, participation in long-term research, and travel related to courses in the College's curriculum. New equipment and upgraded technology will be introduced in the science labs, and an undergraduate research laboratory will be created. "The most attractive feature of all this renovation is the new lab facility, which will allow top students to collaborate with faculty on research projects. This is a clear instance of raising the level of student work," Nichols said.

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Political Science Major Rubs Elbows with Arnold Schwarzenegger in California

How many college interns can say they've sung "Happy Birthday" to a former Terminator? That's just what junior Political Science major Joseph Dovidio did this summer, as he obtained an internship with the Board of Supervisors for Orange and Los Angeles Counties in his home state of California. Dovidio worked directly for the Chairman of the Board Supervisors, who is second in command only to the Governor, and came in everyday contact with various governmental councils and mayors, including State Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. "Everyday going to work, I felt like a kid in a candy store," he said. "I was so excited with what I was doing and really felt like I was making a difference."

In Orange County, he focused on environmental issues, handling major concerns with harbors, beaches, and parks and assuring the water quality for animal ecosystems and human drinking water. For his work in L.A. County, he worked closely with the American Civil Liberties Union, particularly with the distinction between church and state. He took on an active role in a court case that sought to defend a state organization emblem, under scrutiny because of a small cross depicted on it.

The most beneficial aspect of Dovidio's experience lies in the hands-on knowledge he acquired, which he considers priceless. "The best thing was going behind the scenes with everyone rather than learning from a textbook," he said. "It's a much different learning experience when you can see someone execute the knowledge and facts that you were taught in a classroom. You get something different out of it."

SCIENCE MAJOR ACHIEVES SPECIAL CHEMISTRY WITH LAB INTERNSHIP

Junior Marissa Klebs is well known for her passion for science. This summer, she explored that passion more deeply through an internship with the American Institute of Toxicology (AIT) Laboratories.

In the spring of 2004, she was sought after by **Michael Evans '67**, owner of AIT Laboratories in Indianapolis, to join his laboratory as a student intern for the summer months. As part of the research and development team, Klebs was responsible for testing Meconium (a substance produced by infants) and the relationship of its presence to the suspicion of substance abuse in new mothers. She was also charged with finding a more time-efficient way of testing the substance and proving the validation of her method.

In addition to her work with Meconium testing, she was responsible for learning various lab activities in each department of AIT, such as specimen reception, drug testing for various companies, and searching for chemical consistency between drug batches.

According to Klebs, her experience at AIT opened her eyes to the more practical side of science. It also provided her with a new perspective from which to view her future career. "It's nothing like the science TV shows have us think," she said. "It was so interesting to take part in the entire hands-on process. I saw each step: the marketing, when the product came through the door, the whole testing method, results processing, and results and product releasing. I was able to see the entire spectrum throughout the time of my internship."



COVER STORY

A Touch of Class

Members of the Class of 1964 proudly march onto the Alumni Football Field for the "Let the Games Begin!" Opening Ceremony.



Annual Drexel Tour

Peggy Harmon, wife of Frank Harmon '64, makes her way through Drexel Hall's first floor. For the first time, the annual tour included access to the building's interior.

Just for Kicks

Austin Capi '08 sets up the perfect kick for Brandon Deardorff '05 as the team makes its way towards a 37-21 victory against West Virginia Tech University.



IT'S GREEK

At least it was during this year's Homecor Key essentials included a beautiful autum game against West Virginia Tech Univer



Early Retirement

Jimmy Thordsen '75, nicknamed "The Human Rocket" for his extraordinary achievements in college basketball, poses with hi family beside his retired #50 jersey, the first in the College's history to receive such an honor. "I've received so many blessings," he said. "You could not see a happier man than when I was accepted to SJC."



Brats, Anyone?

Alumni Association Board member **Ed Habrowski '71** serves brats to Steve Santo, former Dining Services Manager and current hungry Puma.

Leaving a Legacy

Lisa Handler '84 and Fred Handler '54 were one of the weekend's most unique father-daughter teams: both celebrated honor class anniversaries.





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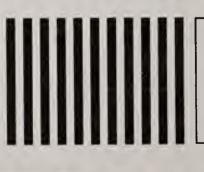
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Batter Up

Puma baseball player Jason Negron '05 delivers a mean hit during the annual alumni baseball game.



There's No Place Like Home

Thordsen (second from left) joins former teammates in a lively rendition of "Home on the Range."



Truce

Members of the 1974 men's varsity basketball team and Merlini Rejects intramural team settle the score with a rematch 30 years in the making, after the Rejects started a game with 100 points and still lost! Despite strong efforts, the Rejects stayed true to their reputation.

"And you thought we were here to build houses"

his past summer, Associate Professor of Communication Fred Berger and members of SJC's Habitat For Humanity chapter embarked on their first international venture, a 10-day trip to Tanzania, Africa, to build two houses in the city of Dodoma. However, they did more than just lay bricks. **Samantha Ma'Ayteh '04** opens her journal and her heart to the readers of *Contact* to share her experience.





August 1

Father Henry and Betha [Global Village Trip organizer] went with all of us to the Ursuline Sisters Orphanage. Right away we were welcomed by the sisters who ran the orphanage, as well as the kids, who were very thin but spirited. Many of the children are there because their parents have died from HIV/AIDS. Sister explained that while some of the children receive family visitors, it is rare that their family actually takes them back home. Some children depend solely on the love from the sisters because no relatives visit them, or they don't have any at all.

I was frustrated with my lack of Swahili vocabulary, but that didn't stop any of us from playing with those adorable kids. We played "It" and many other games with the children. Alan, a three-year-old with malaria, stole my heart. When we were outside he came to me and wanted me to hold him. I hugged and held Alan like he was my own. I cried a little when one of the sisters told me he was calling me "Mama." I asked how to say "I love you" in Swahili and told Alan "I

love you" and kissed his forehead. Fred said, "And you thought you were here to build houses."

August 2

First work day. The first thing we did at our site was to move 22-pound cement/mud bricks to begin a foundation for the house. After moving enough bricks to complete one row all the way around, we used mortar to connect the bricks.... The bricks were not light! My arms are a little sore, but a good sore. I feel like we accomplished a lot today, building four rows up from the two that we started. The other people we worked with are natives of Dodoma, unlike us Habitat people. The experts on site are referred to as Fundis. At our actual site, there were only two women who were there the whole time. One was Matinde, our overseer, and the other

woman is a member of the family who will live in the house we're building. The woman's husband and son were also there. They were all very appreciative and always said *asante sana* to us, which means "Thank you very much." It was so sweet how much they cared about us keeping safe. They insisted we use gloves, saying they didn't need to themselves.

Some local children and adults watched us work. As the time passed we continued to work and the kids stuck around. After so many words, we'd hear wazunga (a word used as a name for light-skinned people) followed by the children's laughter. It didn't bother me. I don't expect that they have seen many white-skinned people before.

August 5

Work today came in spurts. Our first task was to carry timber and bent metal to the second site. The house where the materials were being kept was about a half-mile round trip walk. The wire wasn't heavy, but two people had to carry it, one at each end, so that it wouldn't unbend and whack someone. The first handfuls of timber were heavy. It was very tiring to walk back and forth sooo many times with the different materials, but it was a good warm up for achy muscles. On one of my ways

back to get more timber, I saw two children carrying a board, and they could not have been older than seven or eight. I hurriedly grabbed the timber from them. Then I saw a child, no more than five but who looked about three, carrying one board with a slightly older child. It amazes me how hard these children work and how much they sincerely want to help. Some adults in the U.S. will never do the amount of straining physical labor these kids willingly do here.

August 7

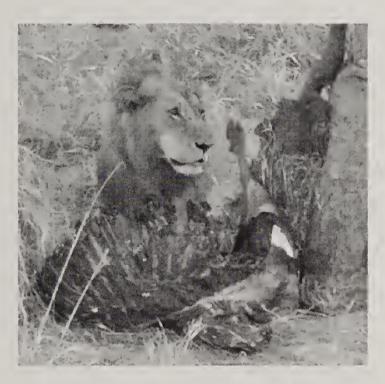
Last work day. I'm very tired. We helped move the metal roof sheets from one site to another. We also helped to lift the trusses to the roof. The Fundis did the technical work from there on.... After we moved the metal

when we got to their designated spot, there was a goat and a chicken, naying and clucking. We were informed that the people of the area wanted to slaughter the two animals in honor of us. We all had different facial expressions at that point. First went the goat, then the chicken. Surprisingly, I stomached it enough to take pictures. It is very weird to watch an animal slaughtered, but we were all very honored because food is scarce here and animals are sacred for their food value. They also presented each of us with gifts. We all got a pair of sandals and they said it wasn't much. Are you kidding? These people walk around barefoot with gashes on the bottoms of their feet and

they give us shoes.

August 9

We went on the second of two safaris today. This morning, we saw a lion! It was sitting directly in front of a bloody wildebeast it had just torn apart. We were told that since he'd already had his full, he'd stay still, and it did. On the way out, we saw a baboon right next to our jeep. When we drove away, it kind of jogged after us. We also saw more elephants, giraffes, zebras, and wildebeasts.



August 10

As much as we can share pictures and journals, unless you've been to Africa you can't get the whole feel. How do you stop the unending connection of poverty and unemployment?

I hope to keep a constant awareness of how blessed I am. Maybe God chose for me to be born in the United States so that I can use my resources to help others.



Puma Spotlight:

Leslie Hielema,

Director of the new Center for Indiana Partnerships

Partnerships at SJC, Leslie Hielema has a dream for current and future Pumas alike: create a network for students that provides a wealth of internship and career opportunities. In her first semester, Hielema has already collaborated with the College's Career Development Center to provide improved services on their Web site, www.saintjoe.edu/careers/. Through the new site, which is set to launch after the New Year, students will be able to easily post their resumes and view job, internship, and practical learning opportunities, while prospective employers can advertise job openings and internships to eligible candidates.

Hielema's position was made possible by Lilly Endowment's *Initiative to Promote Opportunity Through Educational Collaborations* grant. "The state of Indiana is a large importer of college freshmen but an exporter of college graduates. The purpose of the grant is to keep Indiana college graduates in Indiana," she explained. "The state has people from all over the world anxious to attend its universities, but it has yet to develop industries in the way necessary to keep its graduates."

In addition to her work online, Hielema is meeting with businesses, government agencies, schools, non-profit organizations, law enforcement agencies, libraries, foundations, hospitals, clinics, and churches in order to locate career opportunities for SJC's student body. She is also working with Career Development Center Director Adam Malson to enhance the College's mentoring network and host a series of career events in order to cultivate professional relationships between students and SJC graduates (see story on page 8).

"These programs will benefit SJC students by making local companies and organizations aware of the talents and skills our students possess, making them valuable assets in the workplace," she said. "It's especially important to recruit alumni mentors to serve as role models and provide opportunities and support to students in career planning or employment settings."

Originally from Illinois, Hielema earned a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University

of Michigan as well as a master's degree in International Management from the University of Boston in Rome. While in Europe, she was AT&T's Director of New Product Develop-

"The state of Indiana is a large importer of college freshmen but an exporter of college graduates. The purpose of the grant is to keep Indiana college graduates in Indiana."

ment for Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. She eventually left AT&T to start her own telecommunications consulting company and, later, an additional business in Italy, which provided customized fine art programs for universities in the United States. After spending nine years in Europe, she returned to the U.S. and began teaching in Valparaiso University's graduate Business Administration program.

For more information about the Center for Indiana Partnerships, or to learn how you can become a mentor for an SJC student, contact Hielema at 219-866-6116 or lhielema@saintjoe.edu.

How to get more out of your giving to SJC

For Indiana Residents: When you file an Indiana state income tax return, the State will credit up to 50% of your contribution to an Indiana college or university. That means your gift to SJC gives *you* something as well! An individual filer can receive up to a \$100 credit for the first \$200 contributed, while those filing jointly can receive a \$200 credit for the first \$400 donated. This doesn't require itemization and is in addition to any deductions you may receive from your federal tax return.

Gift to SJC	Tax Credit (Joint)	Tax Credit (Single)
\$50	\$25	\$25
\$100	\$50	\$50
\$300	\$150	\$100
\$500	\$200	\$100

To take advantage of this opportunity, simply complete and mail a CC-40 form with your return. To download the form, visit: www.state.in.us/dor/taxforms/02pdfs/02-cc40.pdf.

For All Pumas: To receive the most up-to-date record of your giving history, you may request your cumulative *Report of Giving to Saint Joseph's College*, which itemizes all of the gifts you've made to SJC in the 2004 calendar year. Don't want to wait? Just consult your thank-you notes from the College. In accordance with IRS standards, contributions are acknowledged with a letter and receipt.

For more information on the Indiana Tax credit, CC-40 form, or about giving to Saint Joseph's College, contact College Fund Director Steve Brady at 800-227-1898.

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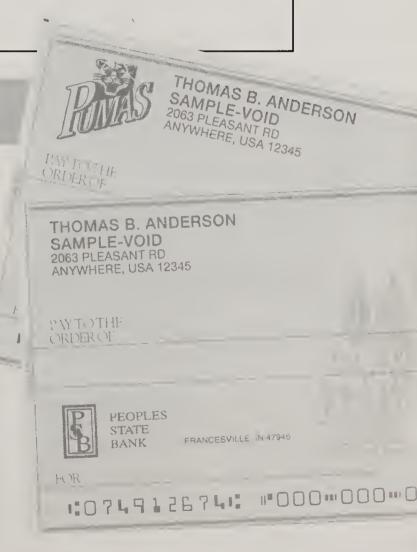
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2005 SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE SPRING SCHEDULES

Baseball		Softball			
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME DA		OPPONENT	TIM
2/25	Carson-Newman College	1:30 p.m.	2/26-27	Southern Illinois University-	
2/26	Tusculum College	10:00 a.m.		Edwardsville Tournament	TBA
./26	Davis and Elkins College	1:00 p.m.	3/5-12	Spring Break Trip – Ft. Myers, Florida	
2/27	Davis and Elkins College	11:00 a.m.	3/17	Bethel College (2)	3:00 p.n
3/5-13	Spring Break Trip – Bradenton, Fla.		3/19	Grand Valley State University (2)	12:00 p.n
2/19	Bellarmine University (2)	12:00 р.т.	3/25-27	Great Lakes Regional Showdown –	•
3/20	Bellarmine University (2)	12:00 p.m.		Battle Creek, Michigan	
/23	Saginaw Valley State University (2)	1:00 p.m.	3/30	Calumet College of Saint Joseph (2)	3:00 p.n
2/26	Northern Kentucky University (2)	12:00 p.m.	4/2	Kentucky Wesleyan College (2)	12:00 p.i.
3/27	Northern Kentucky University (2)	12:00 p.m.	4/3	Northern Kentucky University (2)	12:00 р.н
/29	Lewis University (2)	12:00 р.т.	4/5	Indiana Institute of Technology (2)	3:00 p.n
/2	Oakland City University (2)	12:00 p.m.	4/7	University of Indianapolis (2)	3:00 p.n
//3	Oakland City University	12:00 p.m.	4/9	University of Southern Indiana (2)	12:00 p.n
1/6	University of Indianapolis (2)	12:00 p.m.	4/10	Southern Illinois University-	12.00 p.n
./7	• "	•	4/10	Edwardsville (2)	12:00 p.n
	Valparaiso University	3:00 p.m.	4/12	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•
//9	Quincy University (2)	12:00 р.ш.		Purdue University-North Central (2)	5:00 p.r
1/10	Quincy University (2)	12:00 р.ш.	4/13	Hillsdale College (2)	3:00 p.n
/12	University of Wisconsin-Parkside (2)	12:00 р.т.	4/16	Lewis University (2)	12:00 p.i
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/17	Kentucky Wesleyan College (2)	12:00 p.m.	4/20	Marian College (2)	3:00 p.r
/20	Lewis University (2)	5:00 p.m.	4/22	Huntington College (2)	3:00 p.r
/23	Southern Illinois University-		4/23	Quincy University (2)	12:00 p.n
	Edwardsville (2)	12:00 p.m.	4/24	University of Missonri-St. Lonis (2)	12:00 p.n
/24	Sonthern Illinois University-		4/26	Valparaiso University (2)	3:00 p.r
	Edwardsville (2)	12:00 p.m.	4/28	University of Saint Francis, Ill. (2)	3:00 p.r
/26	University of Indianapolis (2)	12:00 p.m.	4/ 30	Bellarmine University (2)	12:00 р.і
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5/4	University of Wisconsin-Parkside (2)	12:00 p.m.			
17	University of Missouri-St. Louis (2)	12:00 p.m.	DATE	OPPONENT	TIM
5/8	University of Missouri-St. Louis (2)	12:00 p.m.	1/14	Robert Eubanks Open – Grand Valley	7 00
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	May's Tennis		1/22	University of Chicago Invitational	ТВ
	Men's Tennis		1/29	Carthage College Inivitational	ТВ
ATE	OPPONENT	TIME	2/5	D2 Challenge – University of Findlay	10:00 a.r
2/12	Indiana University-Southeast	9:00 a.m.	2/12	DePauw University Invitational	TB.
/19	College of Wooster	1:00 p.m.	2/19-20	Chicagoland Indoor Championships –	
/19	Wabash College	4:00 p.m.		Lewis University	ТВ
/26	Franklin College	9:00 a.m.	2/26	Great Lakes Valley Conference	
/6	University of the Incarnate Word	1:00 p.m.		Indoor Championships – Site TBA	TB
17	St. Mary's University	11:00 a.m.	3/26	Mike Vallone Invitational	10:00 a.n
17	Schreiner University	7:00 p.m.	4/2	Gene and Rose Edmonds Invitational	10:00 a.n
/8	University of Texas-San Antonio	11:00 a.m.	4/8-9	Little State Championships –	
/9	St. Edward's University	2:00 p.m.		Indiana University-Purdue University	
/15	Manchester College	3:00 p.m.		at Indianapolis	ТВ
/25	Southern Illinois University-	21.00 p	4/16	Taylor University Invitational	11:00 a.r
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/2	University of Southern Indiana	9:00 a.m.		Championships – Lewis University	ТВ
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/8	University of Indianapolis		Home Ga	unes in DOLD	
/8 /9	Northern Kentucky University	9:00 a.m.		kes Valley Conference games in <i>ITALICS</i>	
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← For more information about SJC sports schedules, contact Sports Information Director Clark Teuscher '00 at 219-866-6141 or log on to www.saintjoe.edu/athletics.

SPORTS BRIEFS



Freshman quarterback Anthony Lindsey is on pace to break numerous passing records this season for SJC.

FOOTBALL RECORDS TIED, BROKEN

SJC freshman football players Anthony Lindsey and Dan Paulsen have already made an impact on the Pumas' record books.

Lindsey, the Pumas' quarterback, broke the school record for touchdown passes in a game with five October 16th in a 43-40 win at Tiffin University. He had previously tied the record of four on October 2nd in a 34-33 victory at Upper Iowa. His 345 passing yards at Tiffin are the fifth-highest single-game total in school history.

Paulsen tied the SJC record for touchdown receptions in a game (3) at Upper Iowa and again at Tiffin. He is one touchdown away from tying the single-season record of nine, set in 1996.

Heading into the October 23rd Senior Day game against Austin Peay State University, SJC had already doubled its win total from 2003 with a season record of 4-3. The College's November 13th victory against Butler University ensured the program's first winning season in six years.

WOMEN'S SOCCER, VOLLEYBALL TEAMS QUALIFY FOR CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

The SJC women's soccer and volleyball teams both qualified for Great Lakes Valley Conference postseason tournaments.

The women's soccer team finished Great Lakes Valley Conference play with a record of 5-4-1, finishing fourth in the conference. The Pumas played Bellarmine in the first round of the tournament on October 31st.

The volleyball team wound up sixth in the GLVC, claiming the final spot in the tournament.

SEVERAL TEAMS PLANNING TRIPS DOWN SOUTH

Several Saint Joseph's College athletic teams are planning extended trips to the southern United States in the coming months.

The women's basketball team is going to Fort Myers, Florida, for a tournament at Florida Gulf Coast University December 29-30th. The baseball and softball teams will make their annual Spring Break trips as well, with the baseball team staying in Bradenton, Florida, and the softball team staying in Fort Myers. Both trips will take place March 5-12th.

Meanwhile, the men's tennis team is spending its spring break in San Antonio, Texas, where it will play five matches from March 6-9th.



Junior Melissa Melinauskas (22) has been the leading scorer for the SJC women's soccer team this season.



Where Is He Now?

Bob Kasky '61

It was a lucky day when **Bob Kasky '61** rediscovered his alma mater. He'd spent the last five years after graduation working for a CPA firm in Chicago when **Richard Flynn '57**, an Accounting professor and fellow alumnus, made a visit to the Windy City to meet with business professionals about possible internships for his students. "That got the ball rolling. I was working hard and interested in a change; something less stressful," Kasky said. Thus, he became the newest addition to the Accounting Department.

A year later, he was teaching full-time, advising the Accounting Club, supervising the Department's internship program, and working as a partner in his own firm — not the average Joe's definition of slowing down. "I'd get to campus at 6:00 a.m., start class at 8:00 a.m., and teach until noon. Then I'd hold office hours and put in time at the firm. It was a busy time," he explained.

Still, he and his wife, Fran, embraced Saint Joseph's College and their life in Rensselaer. They hosted dinner parties for Accounting students and faculty, and Kasky hired at least one intern per semester at the firm. Meanwhile, as internship program supervisor, he was pairing students with some of the top CPA firms in the country, including Arthur Andersen and PricewaterhouseCoopers.

By 1992, after 26 years of teaching, Kasky was ready for another change and retired from both the College and his firm. With his newfound free time, he and Fran began to travel throughout the United States and around the world, frequenting locations such as Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Switzerland. He also picked up woodworking and enjoys building tables, display cabinets, bookshelves, and other pieces of furniture for their homes in Rensselaer and Scottsdale, Arizona, where they split their time. This year, he embarked on another adventure by joining Saint Joseph's College on its third annual whitewater rafting trip in West Virginia (see story on page 7).

"I've been rafting in New Mexico and tubing down the Salt River in Phoenix, but this was much more intense," he said. "I had a great time."

Kasky would be happy to hear from former students and classmates. Currently in Arizona, he can be reached at **bkasky@cox.net** until May, at which time he and Fran will return to Rensselaer.

Where Are They Now? notes the current activities of favorite faculty, staff, and friends of the College of years past; Before They Were Pumas profiles SJC graduates, providing glimpses into their pasts and updates on what they are doing today. If you would like to recommend that someone be featured in either piece, please contact Publications and Media Relations Director Breain Ma'Ayteh '02 at 219-866-6177 or breain@saintjoe.edu.

Before TheyWere Pumas





Before

Today

Name:

Chad Allan Pulver '97, Ph.D.

A unique or funny story about you around the time the photo was taken:

I was an only child for eight years, and before I started school, it was not uncommon for me to employ the help of my parents in a game of hideand-seek. The clothes dryer was just the right size for me to sit in and wait for someone to find me. Being one who is not satisfied with a hiding place once it's been discovered, I upped the ante by closing the door. This only happened once.

High school, city, state:

Otsego High School, Otsego, Michigan

Degree:

Bachelor of Science in Psychology; Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

What you're doing now:

After completing my master's and doctoral degrees from Purdue University, I took a position as Assistant Professor of Psychology at Saint Joseph's College; I also teach two sections in the Core Program. Currently, I am learning to balance life as a faculty member while also completing empirical studies and managing my private practice in Rensselaer.



New Choral Director Keeps the Beat at SJC

A ssistant Professor and Choral Director Todd Samra couldn't be happier with his new home amongst the faculty at Saint Joseph's College. In the middle of his first semester, Samra already has big plans for the Choir, recently embarking with the group on a two-day excursion to collaborate with the University Choral Union from Ball State University (BSU) in November, where they performed a powerhouse rendition of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana." The Chorus also has performances lined up for the Christmas season, singing at the Feast of Lessons and Carols on December 5th and the pre-Christmas Mass on December 13th, both in the Saint Joseph's Chapel.

In 2005, the Choir will make an appearance at the Service of Shadows on February 23rd at St. Mary's Cathedral in Lafayette and perform Gabriel Faure's "Requiem" in the Chapel in April.

"'Carmina' is loud and bawdy, where as the 'Requiem' is lyrical and spiritual," he said. "They parody each other and will sit well together, each one being in a different semester of the academic year."

One of the most important lessons Samra hopes to teach his students is the importance of understanding on how their musical studies fit into life's bigger picture, and therefore provides a short historical synopsis on each piece they perform. "Music does not exist in a vacuum," he said. "It becomes a realistic application when we do everyday activities, such as listen to a symphony, buy compact discs or go to a concert. It's full of real-life practical use."

Samra, who holds bachelor's degrees in both Music and General Studies and a master's degree in Music, is in the final stages of completing his doctorate from BSU. His main instruments of expertise are the piano and violin, and he has been skilled in each for many years. He also holds private lessons in voice, as he began singing professionally in college and has done so for nearly 20 years.

- Story written for SJC by Publications and Media Relations Intern Rebecca Scherer '05.

John Nichols, Ph.D., S.T.L., National Endowment for the Humanities Distinguished Teaching Professor, is pleased to announce that Monika Hellwig, Executive Director of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities (ACCU) and keynote speaker for SJC's 2004 May Commencement ceremony, became very interested in the College's Core Program and requested more information about the nationally recognized curriculum. As a result, Nichols will make two presentations at the ACCU meeting in Washington, D.C. in late January, where officials will discuss how general education can assist with Mission attainment.

Bonnie Zimmer, Associate Professor of Art, recently won two awards for her art work. The first was the Chesterton Art Gallery Award for her fiber sculpture "Georgia's Mountain" at Art Comp '04, which ran through September in Chesterton, Indiana. She also received the Haan Award for her sculptural basket "Homage to Nature VI: Barn Series" from the Northern Indiana Arts Association's 2004 Salon Show, which ran from September 12th - October 22nd in Munster, Indiana.

Donald Smith '47 is the author of two new books about fine prints: The Prints of Arthur William Heintzelman: A Catalogue Raisonne by Boston Public Library, which came out in September, and American Printmakers of the Twentieth Century: A Bibliography by St. Johann's Press back in June. He is also the author of The Prints of Emil Ganso, published in 1997 by Associated University Press. Smith retired in 1981 from the Central Intelligence Agency, where he was the Director of Training and Education.

Michael T. Smith '63 retired after 36 years with Abbott Laboratories. He and his wife, Donna, live in Palatine, IL, and are expecting their first grandchild.

J. Patrick Lewis '64 received the Alice Louise Wood Memorial Ohioana Award for Children's Literature from The Ohioana Library Association. Lewis taught Economics at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, for nearly 25 years before turning to writing for children full-time. His body of work includes 38 children's books and poetry that has been published in major children's magazines, including Cricket and Highlights for Children. One of Lewis' poems was chosen to commemorate National Children's Book Week in 1992, and his book The Christmas of the Reddle Moon, winner of the 1996 Kentucky Bluegrass Award, was performed on Christmas at the Kennedy Center that year. Lewis received an Ohioana Book Award in 1989 for his first book *The* Tsar and the Amazing Cow.

Gerald M. Lavey '67 was recently elected Chairman of the Humble Independent School District Foundation Board in Humble, TX. The Foundation provides grants to educators and plans to build an astronomical observatory for the district this year.

William (Bill) August '70, James Flood '70, Thomas Clark '70 and Jim Ahr '70 recently gathered in Chicago to reminisce over old times.

Susan Ebbinghaus-Warsaw '77 and her husband, Harris, recently returned to the U.S. after living in Paris, France, for the past five years. She is a freelance Broadcast Producer and has been producing Cingular Wireless TV campaigns for the past several months. They now reside in Westchester County, NY.

Sandra C. (Brown) Dunlap '80 graduated with a master's degree in Special Education-Moderate Needs from Adams State College in Alamosa, CO, on May 10, 2003. She continues to teach at Custer County School in Westcliffe, CO.

Raymond Christy '83 was recently appointed to two advisory committees at the University of Utah: the School of Socio-

logy's Spafford Advisory Committee, which aims to improve conditions for women and children in the State of Utah, and the Bennion Center of Service Learning, which focuses on service learning training and projects within the state. Christy works for the **Utah Transit Authority** (UTA) in the Civil Rights Department, assisting small businesses with bidding on federally funded construction contracts with the UTA.

Once again this year, the "Old Pumas" got together for an over-30 soccer tournament in Indianapolis, July 31-August 1st. Fellow Pumas came out for support and spent Saturday evening at the home of John "Chris" '91 and Andrea (Bernardon) Johnson '96. Guests included **Deanne** Kueper '93, Jen Dryer '92, Trish Fledderjohn '92, and Jimmy Allen '91. To join the Old Pumas next year, contact Tony Kruzel at tkruzel@sunsrce.com.

Gordon D. Flick '92
graduated from Indiana
Wesleyan University on
August 14, 2004, with a
Master of Business
Administration degree.

Sister Gayle Lynn
Rusbasan, O.S.F. '94
recently made her first
profession of vows as a
Franciscan Sister of the
Sacred Heart on July 31,
2004, at her community's
Motherhouse in Frankfort,
IN. She currently lives in
Wabash, IN, and ministers
at St. Bernard Grade
School.

John Steinhilber '95 was named head basketball coach at South Central High School on June 18, 2004.

Jackie M. Leonard-Tackett '95
was promoted to Managing
Supervisor at FleishmanHillard in St. Louis, MO.
She now handles public
relations activities for
clients including UPS,
Procter & Gamble,
Wal-Mart, and others.

Christopher Cripe '96 was accepted into the Ohio State University College of Dentistry for the 2004-2005 year.

Destin Haas '97 was selected as the Benton Community School Corporation Teacher of the Year for 2003-2004. He is now the Dean of Students at Benton Central High School.

Amy Dillon '99 recently received her master's degree in Education.

Susan (Welter) Close '00 recently began work on a master's degree in School Counseling from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Bryan Cox '02 graduated from the Chicago Police Academy on July 21, 2004, and is serving in the 10th District.

Kelley A. Gandurski '01
graduated from DePaul
University College of Law
in May 2004 with a Juris
Doctorate. She also passed
the Illinois Bar
Examination and was
sworn in to practice law in
November.

Sandra Fisher '01 earned her master's degree in Education-School Counseling and is now a high school counselor in the Fort Wayne Community School District.

Dawud Shabazz '01

accepted a position with Lawrence County Schools in Indianapolis, IN, as the director of the Academic Reassignment Center. He also developed the Central Indiana Bears, a minor league football program for inner-city adults.

Amanda Schmicker '02 is currently enrolled in the full-time Nursing program at Ivy Tech State College in Valparaiso, IN, and anticipates an August 2005 graduation date.

Amy L. Overmyer '03
bought a house in
Plymouth, IN, and is
working for Coca Cola as
a Sales Representative.

ENGAGEMENTS

Amy Dillon '99 to Jim Sostack, 12/11/04, at Sacred Heart Church in Lombard, IL. Bridesmaids will be Carrie Carping '99, Chrissy Chianelli '99, and Sandy Schumann '99.

MARRIAGES

Marianne Fumo '80 to Walter Andrew Routh, III, 4/26/96.

Joel Cornell '91 to Julie Stevenson, 10/9/04.

Marissa Marhoul '95 to Gus Textrum, 9/5/04.

David '96 and Lisa **Goes**, 9/29/01.

Sara Morgan '97 to Mark Durham, 7/3/04.

Jaime Bach '98 to John Bellace, 9/11/04.

Elizabeth Decker '99 to Chris J. Martin, 9/25/04.

Erin Burton '01 to Bruce Culbreth, Jr., 4/10/04.

Dawud Shabazz '01 to Troycine Mitchell, 9/18/04.

Matthew Blanton '02 and Kelly Hicks '02, 7/24/04.

Sarah Morningstar '03 to Jonathan Nern, 6/26/04.

Noel Raney '03 to Bethany Lahrman '02, 9/11/04.

BIRTHS

Abilgail Routh to Walter and Marianne (Fumo) Routh '80, 1997.

Lilyanne Routh to Walter and Marianne (Fumo) Routh '80, 2000.

Aaron L. Richart to Mark and **Julie Richart '85**, 7/12/02.

Zachary Thomas Geleott to **Kevin '89** and Kate **Geleott**, 9/13/04.

Aidan Patrick Riley to Steve and Marilyn (Alig) Riley '89, 9/18/04.

Colin McCarthy "Mac"
Christmas to Patrick
and Sheryl (Klemme)
Christmas '93, 4/25/04.
He joins big brother Kevin.

Isaiah John Steinhilber to **John '95** and Melissa **Steinhilber**. He joins big brother Malachi (4).

Emily Catherine Stoddard to James and **Sharon** (**Bowling**) **Stoddard '96**, 6/17/04. She joins big brother Dylan James (3).

Colby Shea Chapman to **Jake '96** and **Chastidy (Yeoman) Chapman '97**, 9/12/04.

Ellie Nicole Cook to Chad '97 and Brigid (Boos) Cook '96, 9/8/04.

Joseph Lawrence Culp to Eric and Elizabeth (Lieb) Culp '97, 7/25/04.

Donovan Joseph Dykas to Martin '98 and Cindy (Rinke) Dykas '97, 9/9/04.

Katelyn Michele Benefiel to Jeffery and **Melissa** (**Westphal**) **Benefiel '98**, 8/16/04.

Murphy Ignatius Tilk to Lucas Isreal and Mary Tilk '02, 9/26/04.

DEATHS

Rev. Samuel Homsey, C.PP.S. '39, 8/15/04.

William Herber '41, 10/16/04.

Rev. Raymond Cera, C.PP.S. '42 (Academy), 8/13/04.

William J. Smith '43, date unknown.

Rev. Clement Alt, C.PP.S. '45 (Academy), 8/25/04.

Robert F. Taylo '51, 6/03.

Edward Zander '54, 1/04.

Kevin McCann, son of **Dennis '68** and Jane **McCann**, 9/04.

Virginia (Ginny) Ontrop Buehler '73, 7/04.

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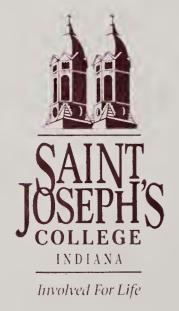
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